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In re Application of

MICHAEL A. EPSTEIN ET AL

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EXISTENCE OF A COMPLETE DATA SET USING SECURITY IDENTIFIERS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional  
Application No. 60/177,863 filed January 24, 2000, Attorney Docket  
US 000032P.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to properly reflect the priority  
of a previously filed provisional application.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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